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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

The reply filed on November 27, 1998 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):applicants fail to argue the rejections set forth in the last Office action which would specifically pertain to the newly filed claims. For example, canceled claim 141 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph because the specification was not enabling for the claimed broad scope, yet newly filed claim 308 would be subject to the same rejection. Thus, the response or argument would be pertinent. Again, no arguments to the rejections set forth in the Office action have been set forth by applicants, and filing new claims subsequent to the cancellation of all prior claims does not remedy the situation since the new claims do not differ enough to make the prior issues moot. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laurie Scheiner, whose telephone number is (703) 308-1122. Any inquiry of a general

nature or relating to the status whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Correspondence related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). Official communications should be directed toward one of the following Group 1600 fax numbers: (703) 308-4242 or (703) 305-3014. Informal communications may be submitted directly to the Examiner through the following fax number: (703) 308-4426. Applicants are encouraged to notify the Examiner prior to the submission of such documents to facilitate their expeditious processing and entry.

Laurie Scheiner/LAS February 15, 1999

DAURIE SCHEINER PRIMARY EXAMINER